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## **VIA ECF**

Honorable Pamela K. Chen, United States District Judge United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. McMahon, et al. Docket No. 21-cr-265

Dear Judge Chen,

As Your Honor is aware, this Firm, along with co-counsel, Brian Neary, represents Defendant Michael McMahon in connection with the above captioned matter. I write, with consent of the Government, to request a brief adjournment of the June 29, 2021 status conference and CIPA conference. As we informed Your Honor's Deputy Clerk, Ms. Abdallah, Mr. Neary and I received an oral argument notice for the Supreme Court of New Jersey, which is to occur in person in Trenton, New Jersey, on June 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for a case in which Mr. Neary represents the defendant and I represent the New State Bar Association as *amicus curiae*, in an emergent appeal regarding the appropriateness of virtual jury selection, as occurred during the pandemic (and, we are concerned, may continue). I apologize for any inconvenience to the Court and counsel; we could not have anticipated the scheduling of this matter, as the New Jersey Supreme Court's term is usually completed by now, and this case is being heard on an emergent basis given its implications for jury trials that are about to re-commence.

As requested by Ms. Abdallah, Mr. Neary, Ms. Conti and I are available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the following week (*i.e.*, July 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>), and Wednesday and Thursday of the week after (*i.e.*, July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>), the latter only in the morning. By copy of this letter, I am advising the Government and other defendants of our availability so that they may advise the Court and counsel of their availability on those dates as well.

Of course, if Your Honor has any questions or concerns about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your very kind consideration of this request.

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Respectfully submitted,

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